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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, our focus value has been **perseverance**—a quality that I've seen shining through in so many ways across the school. Whether tackling tricky Maths investigations, refining fine motor skills, or pushing themselves to improve in different subjects, our children are showing great determination in their learning.

I had the pleasure of joining Triscombe Class this week, where the children were carefully making hearts out of tiny grains of rice—a task requiring patience, concentration, and perseverance. It was wonderful to see them taking on the challenge with such care and focus, demonstrating that even the smallest of tasks can teach us the power of persistence. Across the school, children have been working through challenges in their learning, particularly in Maths, where some problems don't have instant solutions but require thinking, adjusting, and trying again. Seeing them embrace this mindset has been fantastic.

As we look ahead to next half term, our focus will turn to **bravery**—not just in the big, bold moments, but in the everyday acts of courage that help us grow. We'll be exploring what the Bible teaches us about bravery and reflecting on how we can be brave in our learning, our choices, and the way we face challenges in life.

I hope this value continues to inspire our children to take on new challenges with confidence, knowing that perseverance and bravery go hand in hand.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break ahead.

Warm Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

The children have had a busy week of learning and growing. They have completed a compelling argument for hydro-electric dams, crunched numbers and fractions and decimals and also have danced. There are some very talented dancers in the class and a few that have surprised me. The children have also completed their casting and moulding sculpture work. Last week they created a clay cast complete with a volcano design etched out and this week they have mixed their own plaster of paris solution to use to pour into their casts to create the sculpture. They used skill and resilience to create the sculptures and should be ready to take home next term.

On that note, I hope the children have a great break (as well as do the homework that I have set them) and I hope that they all come back well rested and raring to go for the second half of spring term.



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Alfoxton

During the last week of term, Alfoxton Class celebrated their successes with a class reward. Throughout the term, pupils earned six gold stars for their combined efforts in: keeping the classroom tidy, supporting each other, focussing really well in Maths, excellent contributions to a class discussion in Science, independence and kindness.

As our learning about Light (Science) and Miracles (RE) has finished, we now look forward to learning about new things next term.

These are the areas we will be delving deeper into when we return after the break:

Science - Sound and Electricity

Geography - Viking Voyages (countries, seas/oceans, continents)

RE - Unit: Does Prayer Change Things?

Maths - Addition, Subtraction, Numbers to 10,000, Multiplication

English - Ice Palace by Robert Swindells to inspire our writing

PE - Gymnastics/Dance

Art - Printing Techniques

DT - Bird Houses

Cookery - Sikh cooking

Music - Rhythm: Blackbird

Our Music, DT, French and Computing will continue on rotation during Adventurers on a Monday afternoon. PE will continue on Thursdays and Fridays.

Have a wonderful break!



Triscombe

I would like to thank you all for your continued support as I have had a lovely first half-term in Triscombe! The children have been working hard, making great progress, and having fun along the way. We truly appreciate your collaboration and support.

This week, our theme has been all about Valentine's, and the children have embraced it with lots of enthusiasm! They have been practising their phonics sounds and tricky words, which has helped them improve their reading and writing skills. We have also been reinforcing their number facts to 6, and Year 2 children have been exploring multiplication, which has been a fun and rewarding challenge.

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Triscombe continued

In the classroom, we've used creative ways to reinforce learning, such as vegetable print dinosaurs, which the children loved! Additionally, the class visited the church, where they had the opportunity to draw a fossil, integrating both science and art into an exciting real-world experience.

We would like to thank you once again for a fantastic first half term. The children have worked hard, and it's been a joy to see their growth and development. Looking ahead, next half term's theme will be all about space! We're excited to continue exploring new topics with the children and watching them discover the wonders of the universe.

Wishing you all a restful and happy break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back ready for another exciting term!



Preschool

This week is our last week of our dinosaur topic. The children enjoyed splashing dinosaurs in a green dinosaur swamp and making volcano chocolate cakes with jam lava! We enjoyed a wonderful muddy walk on Tuesday afternoon, going through the fields down to the castle where we had fun splashing in the water in the ford! We took a walk down to the church on Thursday afternoon, where we took rubbings of the fossil that is on the floor of the church.

We also explored Valentine's day through playing with items in tough trays and matching hearts!



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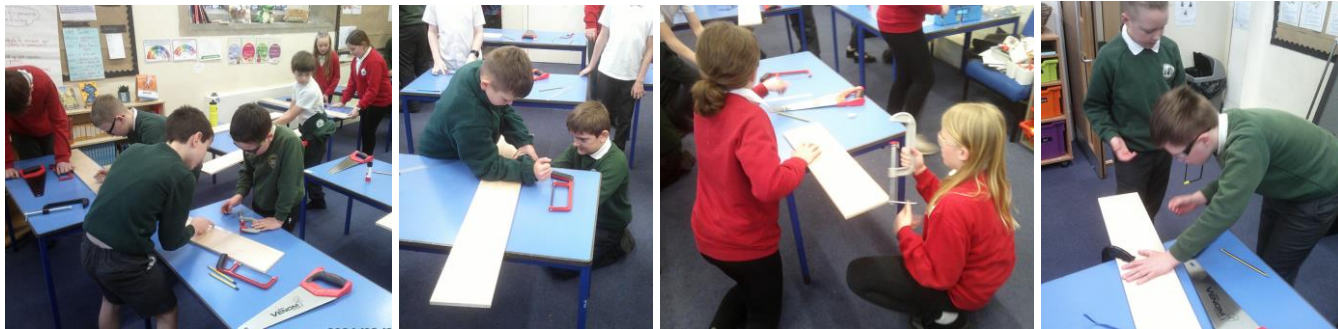
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Adventurers

This week, Alfoxton began the unit on Sikh cooking. We made vegetable pakoras. The children were shown how to slice an onion thinly by leaving the root on to hold it all together until the last minute. They all did an excellent job of doing this and chopping potatoes and cauliflower to go into the batter. We introduced them to using cumin seeds, turmeric and garam masala to add those traditional Indian spices. Over the next few weeks, we will be making other dishes and may be eating them at school but if you're lucky you may get a taster.

Mr Tucker was very impressed with the work ethic in Beacon class this week as they made a start on the long-awaited birdhouses. Children carefully measured their pieces of wood, g-clamped them to the tables and got to work sawing with tenon saws and junior hacksaws. Most children managed to get it to a quality finish by filing and sanding. The pieces have now been sent off to Haygrove where Mr Featherstone and his team are using industrial drills to cut out the entrance holes. Next half term, we will be cutting the final pieces and assembling our final products based on our unique designs. Beacon class would like to thank the Head of DT at Haygrove Mr Featherstone for his help with this and it is a great example of cross-school working in the Trust.



Important Dates

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February:

Thursday 6th March:

Friday 14th March:

Friday 21st March:

Friday 4th April:

Monday 7th April-Friday 18th April:

Monday 21st April:

Half Term

World Book Day

Inset Day

Comic Relief

Easter Service at the Church at 2.00pm

Easter Holidays

Bank Holiday

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